Imagining Feminist Futures After COVID-19 Workshop

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Blue Team

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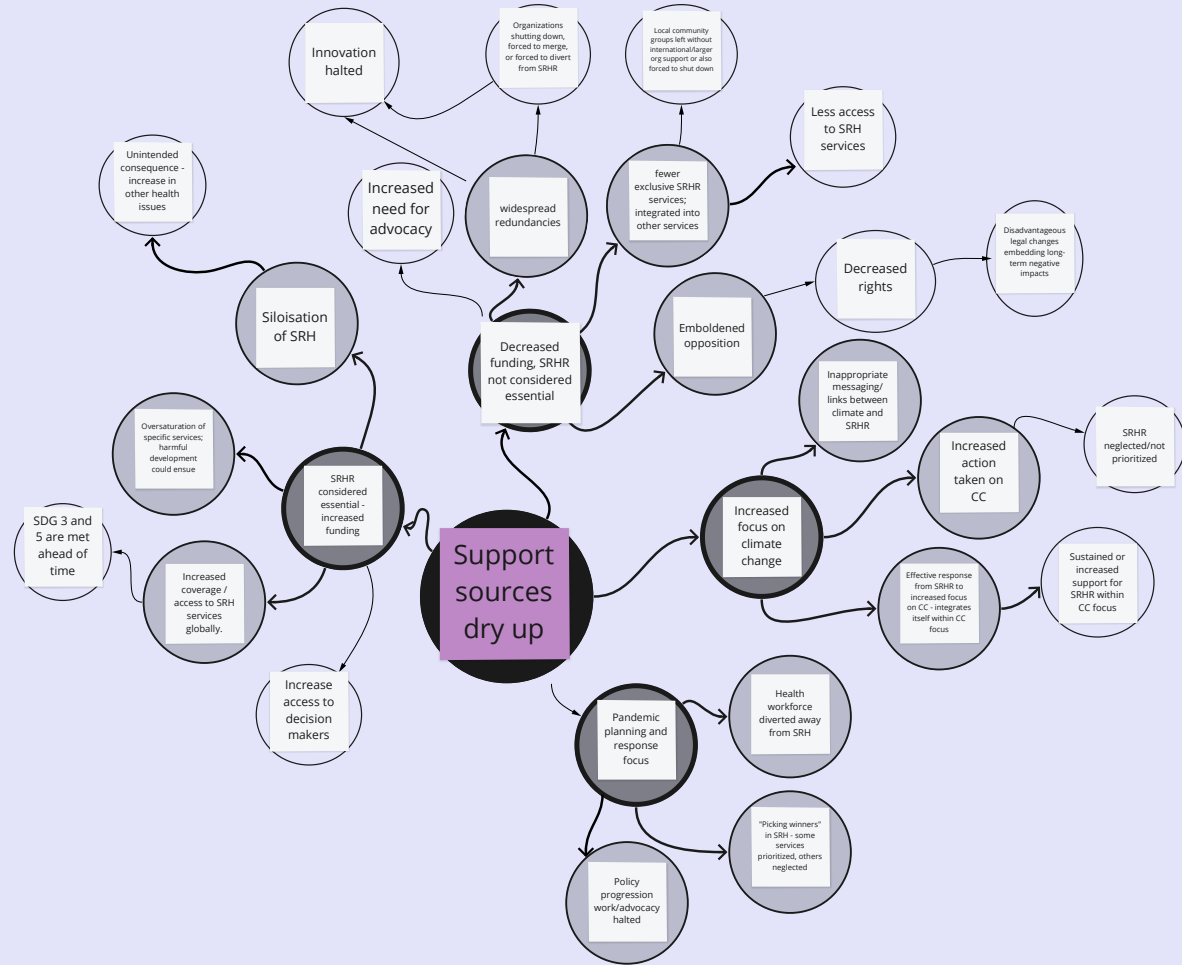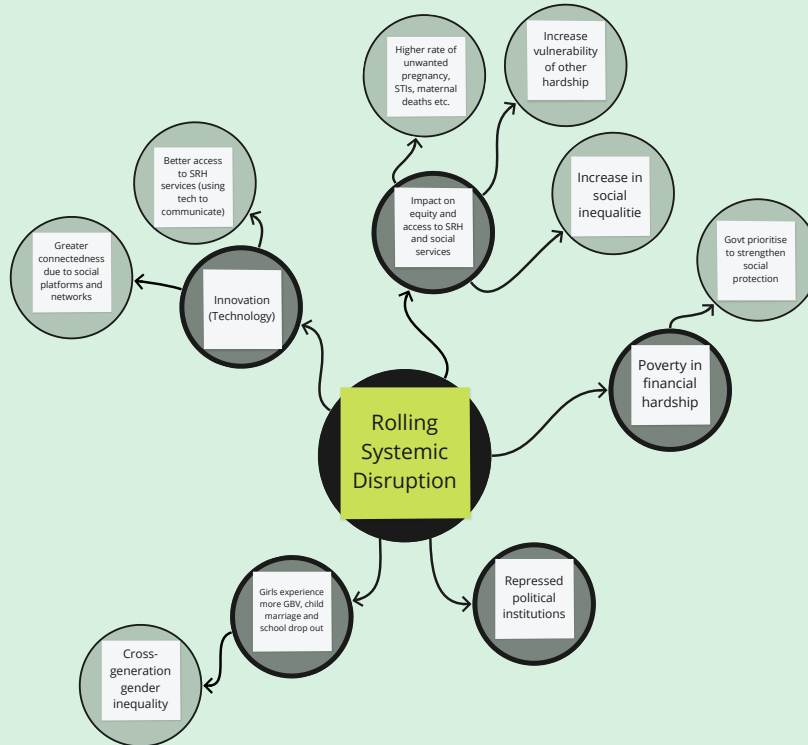
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Mind map nodes

Support sources dry up

Innovation halted

Organizations shutting down, forced to merge, or forced to divert from SRHR

Local community groups left without international/larger org support or also forced to shut down

Less access to SRH services

Unintended consequence - increase in other health issues

Increased need for advocacy

widespread redundancies

fewer exclusive SRHR services; integrated into other services

Decreased rights

Disadvantageous legal changes embedding long-term negative impacts

Siloisation of SRH

Decreased funding, SRHR not considered essential

Emboldened opposition

Inappropriate messaging/links between climate and SRHR

Increased action taken on CC

SRHR neglected/not prioritized

Oversaturation of specific services; harmful development could ensue

SRHR considered essential - increased funding

Increased focus on climate change

SDG 3 and 5 are met ahead of time

Increased coverage / access to SRH services globally.

Effective response from SRHR to increased focus on CC - integrates itself within CC focus

Sustained or increased support for SRHR within CC focus

Increase access to decision makers

Pandemic planning and response focus

Health workforce diverted away from SRH

Policy progression work/advocacy halted

"Picking winners" in SRH - some services prioritized, others neglected

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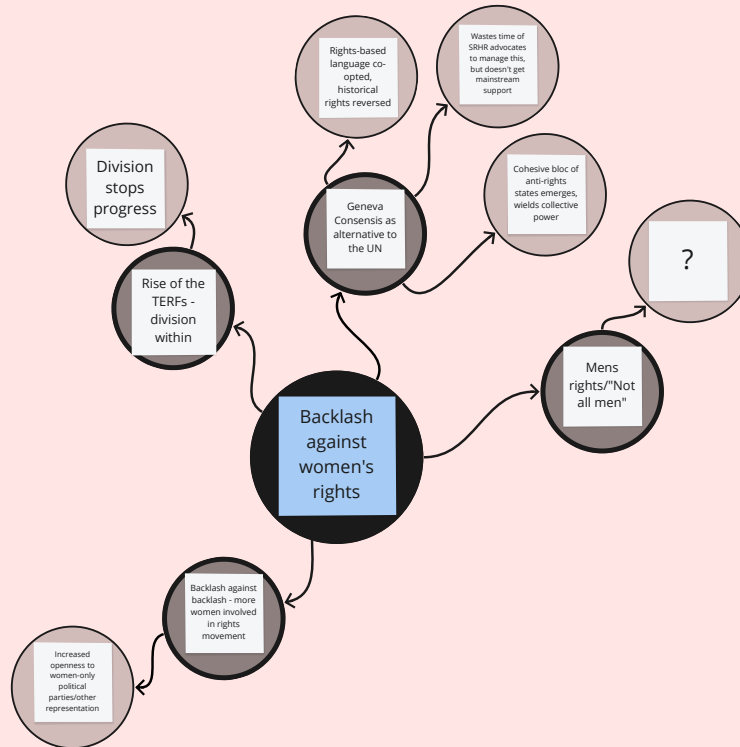
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Rolling Systemic Disruption

Innovation (Technology)

Greater connectedness due to social platforms and networks

Better access to SRH services (using tech to communicate)

Impact on equity and access to SRH and social services

Higher rate of unwanted pregnancy, STIs, maternal deaths etc.

Increase vulnerability of other hardship

Increase in social inequalitie

Govt prioritise to strengthen social protection

Poverty in financial hardship

Repressed political institutions

Girls experience more GBV, child marriage and school drop out

Cross-generation gender inequality

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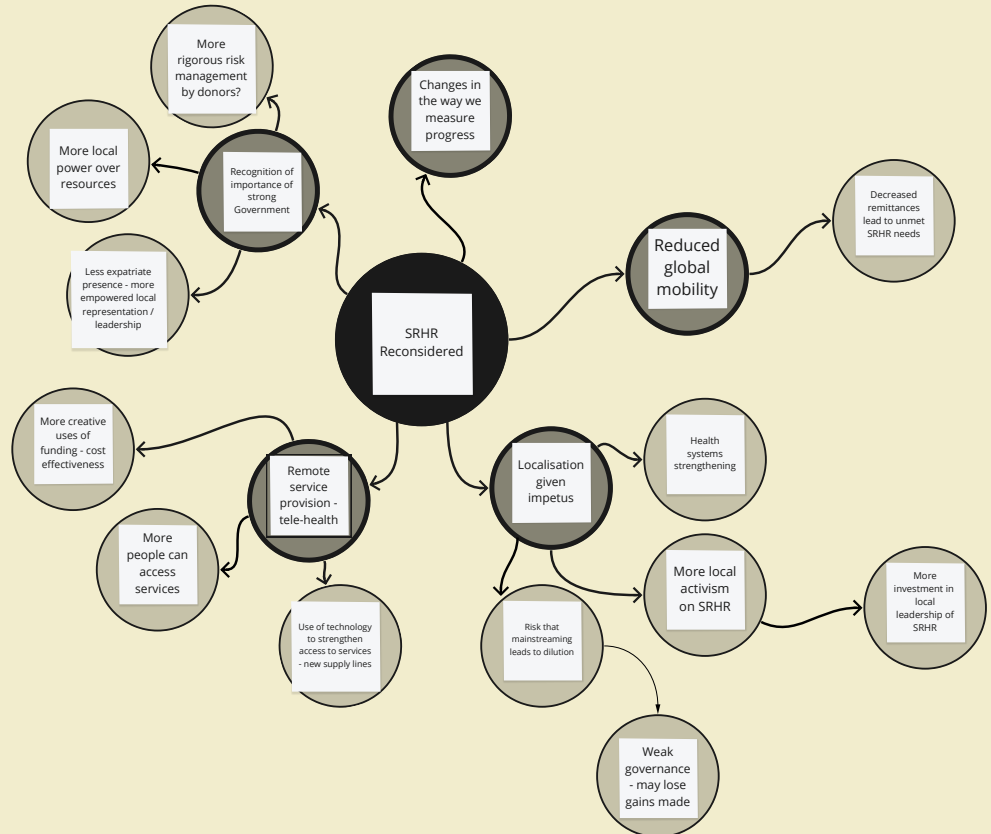
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Rights-based language co-opted, historical rights reversed

Wastes time of SRHR advocates to manage this, but doesn't get mainstream support

Division stops progress

Geneva Consensus as alternative to the UN

Cohesive bloc of anti-rights states emerges, wields collective power

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Rise of the TERFs - division within

Mens rights/"Not all men"

Backlash against women's rights

Backlash against backlash - more women involved in rights movement

Increased openness to women-only political parties/other representation

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More rigorous risk management by donors?

Changes in the way we measure progress

More local power over resources

Recognition of importance of strong Government

Decreased remittances lead to unmet SRHR needs

Less expatriate presence - more empowered local representation / leadership

Reduced global mobility

SRHR Reconsidered

More creative uses of funding - cost effectiveness

Remote service provision - tele-health

Localisation given impetus

Health systems strengthening

More people can access services

More local activism on SRHR

More investment in local leadership of SRHR

Use of technology to strengthen access to services - new supply lines

Risk that mainstreaming leads to dilution

Weak governance - may lose gains made

Were there any surprising outcomes that surfaced in your Futures Wheel?	Did any threads on your Futures Wheel surface a path to a more feminist future?	In that thread, what changed by 2030?	What change was necessary to lead to a more feminist future?	What feminist principles could help underpin a more equitable + just future?	Are there any new feminist principles that may emerge in this future? Any that may grow less important?
Yes. Some positive outcomes for SRHR suprising (especially funds going to climate change)	Yes, some paths led to greater attention/funding for SRHR.	SDGs 3 & 5 acheived.	SRHR considered essential in the context of reduced funding (pandemic/climate)	Feminist economics. Respect for all.	
No	More priority for strengthening social protection systems	Poverty reduction and more equitable access to services	Doing development differently (empower low middle income countries, locally led movements, orgs)	Human rights, intersectionality embraced	
Not really!	Potentially but not likely (sorry!)	Backlash against the backlash - led to greater coalition building, critical mass	Attitudinal change, particularly among men	Feminist economics, power shift	
No	Yes all threads - localisation, remote support, good governance	- Localisation needs to be well managed for womens inclusion and ownership - Remote access led to wider access to SRHR services	- Changes from 2020 became permanent and were built upon - Restrictions to global mobility under COVID was a catalyst for change	Technology is not inherently equitable (digital / remote services)	Disruption is the new norm?

Imagine yourself in the year 2030. A radical shift has taken place and a more equitable, feminist future has been realized.

What does this mean? What does it look like with regards to your trend and more broadly? How is it radically different from today?

Create a short description or "snapshot". Your snapshot could reflect new beliefs, norms, practices, policies, or models.

Where does your organization or network's work, or your own activism, sit within this new system?

Blue Team

SRHR is considered essential in the context of reduced funding/competing agendas. There is increased access to equitable SRHR globally, and thus SDGs 3 and 5 have been met. SRHR sector follows the principle of health for all (UHC) and ensures respect/focus on broader social support and health care. The value of sustained public funding in social services/health care is embedded in society and respected by governments, guided by the feminist economics and respect for all principles. SRHR actors maintain the pursuit of advocacy regarding importance & value of sustained public funding for and right to equitable health care.

Green Team

Change structural power such as IMF, corporates, international development assistance to achieve gender, economic and climate justice

Pink Team

There's been a backlash to the backlash and people rise up for women's rights. Shifts are taking place in the way we think about unpaid labour, stemming from a shift in societal attitudes towards men's role. COVID exposed the imbalance in unpaid labour and it led to men showing a willingness to cede power in service of greater equality. Women strike en masse and force change!

Yellow Team

Are we still here? Consortium membership different - led by local SRHR actors (& CSOs) communicating directly to government? More funding for SRHR. Globalisation dead or stronger? Localism, regionalism? Global norms but localised action and resource decision making? SRHR does digital become the norm? E.g. female doctors working from home in muslim cultures / contexts. Challenges to quality assure the greatly increased access to information / social media. Dealing with misinformation / disinformation - fact checker?